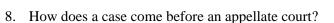
## MISSOURI COURTS

**Directions**: Read these questions before you watch the video, *Missouri Courts*. The answers to the questions are in the video. You may want to take notes.

- 1. Who do the courts belong to?
- 2. What is the role of the judicial branch in Missouri government?
- 3. What is the first level of courts where most cases originate?
- 4. Give some examples of the kinds of cases at the trial/circuit court level.
- 5. What is the difference between a criminal and a civil case?
- 6. Give examples of who the parties may be in each kind of case.
- 7. What do each of these people do in the court?
  - a. Lawyers
  - b. Witnesses
  - c. Court reporter
  - d. Judge
  - e. Jury

**Bonus:** 

How old must you be to be a juror? Who decides a case if there is no jury?



- 9. What is the role of an appellate court? What actions may it take?
- 10. Name one kind of case that the Supreme Court hears directly from a circuit court. **Bonus:** What other types of cases skip the Court of Appeals and go directly to the Supreme Court?

Why might a case be "transferred" to the Supreme Court?

11. How are judges selected? What role does the governor have? What role does the voter have?

**Bonus:** Who are the seven judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri? Who is the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri?



**Bonus questions**: Answers to #7 are in the video. Answers to #10 appear in the Missouri Constitution, Article V, which is available on the General Assembly's website <a href="https://www.moga.mo.gov">www.moga.mo.gov</a>. Answers to #11 appear on the Supreme Court's webpage <a href="https://www.courts.mo.gov/sup/index.nsf">www.missourisupremecourt.org</a> (or its formal address <a href="https://www.courts.mo.gov/sup/index.nsf">http://www.courts.mo.gov/sup/index.nsf</a>).

